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TIPS FOR SUMMER TRAVELERS

Inland Empire – Caltrans advises motorists that summer months bring an increase in traffic and roadwork. The rise in temperatures can make your trip seem longer than usual. Motorists going to Las Vegas, Colorado River, Palm Springs, the mountains or other resort areas should prepare in advance. Listed below are some helpful hints that can help you keep your cool and increase your safety on your journey.

- ✓ **Check your engine** – make sure your car is in good running condition.
- ✓ **Plan your trip** – call ahead and make travel arrangements. Check traffic and weather conditions. We are here to help at (909) 383-4631 or go to www.dot.ca.gov/dist8 “press releases” for roadwork information.
- ✓ **BRING WATER** – at least 1 gallon for yourself and more if you have passengers and pets. You may want to bring snacks if your trip is longer than two hours.
- ✓ **Bring medications** – be prepared in the event of delays.
- ✓ **Bring mosquito repellent** – it may be handy if you are in areas where mosquitoes are prevalent – protect yourself again West Nile Virus or other mosquito-born disease. Stay clear of waste dumpsites at Rest Areas.
- ✓ **Click It or Ticket** – wear your seatbelt – it may save your life and **will** save you the cost of a ticket!
- ✓ **Be patient** – allow extra time and be prepared for unforeseen events or roadwork.
- ✓ **SLOW FOR THE CONE ZONE** – Aggressive driving is the cause of 54 percent of all car collisions. ***Lose one minute of your life or your life in one minute....***
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